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TURKISH PLAN TO DISCUSS CYPRUS PROBLEM IN COMMITTEES

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1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS USED OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF CREDEN-
TIALS SEPT 21 BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR PHILLIPE OLIVIER TO UNDER-
SCORE GREEK CYPRIOT VIEWS ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. REPEATING THAT
GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SYG CALL FOR NEW ROUND
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OF TALKS AND THAT SUCH TALKS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE WITH TURKISH

SIDE PRESENTING CONCRETE PROPOSALS, MAKARIOS OBSERVED:

"INDICATIVE OF THE TURKISH DELAYING TACTICS IS THE FACT THAT TURKEY INSISTS THAT THE TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED AT COMMITTEE LEVEL WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY. WE KNOW THAT THIS PROCEDURE WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY POSITIVE RESULT BUT WILL SIMPLY PERPETUATE THE TALKS IN KEEPING WITH TURKISH PLANS. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, TO WHICH I WILL NOT REFER NOW, WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS PROCEDURE EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ADVISED TO DO SO BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES." ARCHBISHOP PREDICTED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE "SHALL ENCOUNTER MANY DIFFICULTIES DUE TO THE COMPLICATIONS CREATED BY FOREIGN INTERVENTION."

2. COMMENT: THIS WARNING COMING HOT ON HEELS OF SUNDAYS'S HOMILY (REFTEL) IS UNDERSTOOD HERE AS REFLECTION OF MAKARIOS' DESIRE TO HEAD OFF POTENTIAL PRESSURES IN PRE-UNGA PERIOD TO COMPROMISE ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES IN A MANEUVER THAT WOULD CUT GROUND OUT FROM UNDER HIS DETERMINATION TO GIVE THE TURKS HELL IN UNGA.
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